

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., November 3, 1882.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 25th ultimo, enclosing a letter from Mr. James H. Boyd of your city, offering to supply your Mint with 182 white Porcelain Pots at \$29.50 each and in which you state it would be a wise and economical expenditure to secure these goods and to store them away for future use and recommending the purchase of one hundred of them for your Mint and suggesting the purchase of the balance for the other mints, I have to state that as in your judgment, it would be a judicious expenditure.

to purchase one hundred of these pots for the use of your Mint, you are authorized to do so.

As these pots are used only in parting^{and} refining operations, in case purchase is made they can only be paid for from that appropriation as the law expressly provides that the charges collected from depositors for parting^{and} refining operations, shall be applied as far as necessary to defraying in full the expenses thereof, including labor, materials and wastage, but no part of the moneys otherwise appropriated for the support of the Mints^{and} Assay Office at New York, shall be used to defray the expenses of refining^{and} parting bullion. An advance will be made you upon your requisition, from the appropriation for parting^{and} refining bullion.

As similar pots of the same manufacture have been offered at prices varying

from \$25.00 to \$50.00, I am of the opinion they should be purchased in the same way as other supplies by inviting bids. The following parties, who have offered them, were informed by this office that if at any time these spots were required, they would be advised.

Messrs. Savage & Stovell

Second National Bank

Messrs. B. K. Garrison & Co.

& J. M. Hummel

I think it would be proper for you to notify these parties by letter and invite bids, taking proper precaution to see that only perfect spots are delivered by the party whose offer may be accepted.

In reference to your suggestion to purchase spots for the use of the other mints, I would say that in the absence of any requisition or any information that they require them, this

office has no authority to purchase the pots.

The letter of Mr. Boyd, enclosed by you,
is herewith returned as requested.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Croston

Acting Director.

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[Abstract:] Directions with regard to Porcelain Pots offered by James W. Boyd. 1025

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